

Summary of Reporting Requirements for Texas Public Retirement Systems

Public retirement systems shall adhere to the various reporting requirement provisions of the Texas Government Code as summarized below.

Actuarial/Financial Reporting Requirements

Annual Reports

Annual Financial Report: Defined benefit plans must file an annual financial report, including the financial statements and schedules examined in the most recent audit performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, a statement of opinion by the CPA stating whether or not the statements are presented fairly and in accordance with GAAP, and effective June 2019, the names of all investment managers engaged by the retirement system and a listing of all direct and indirect commissions and fees paid during the previous fiscal year for sale, purchase, or management of assets. See Gov't Code §802.102 & §802.103.

Membership Report: Defined benefit plans must file an annual report of total membership of active employees and persons receiving a benefit. See Gov't Code §802.104 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form PRB-200.

Investment Returns and Assumptions Report: Defined benefit plans must file a report containing investment returns and actuarial assumptions. See Gov't Code §802.108 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form PRB-1000 Instructions & Form PRB-1000.

Due within 210 days after end of previous fiscal year

- Financial Report
- Membership Report
- Investment Returns and Assumptions Report

FISCAL YEAR 2019 DUE DATE CALENDAR FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, MEMBERSHIP REPORT, AND INVESTMENT RETURNS & ASSUMPTIONS REPORT

Plans receive reminders and enforcement notices on the 1st and 15th of applicable months. If the 1st and 15th fall on a state holiday or weekend, then they are sent on the following business day. The non-compliance date is the day on which the PRB is required to include the system's name on the list of non-compliant public retirement systems posted on the PRB website.

FY End Date	Due Date	60-Day Reminder	15-Day Reminder	15-Day Enforcement	45-Day Enforcement	Non-Compliance
February 28, 2019	September 27, 2019	August 1, 2019	September 15, 2019	October 15, 2019	November 15, 2019	December 1, 2019
March 31, 2019	October 28, 2019	September 1, 2019	October 15, 2019	November 15, 2019	December 15, 2019	January 1, 2020
June 30, 2019	January 27, 2020	December 1, 2019	January 15, 2020	February 15, 2020	March 15, 2020	April 1, 2020
July 31, 2019	February 27, 2020	January 1, 2020	February 15, 2020	March 15, 2020	April 15, 2020	May 1, 2020
August 31, 2019	March 29, 2020	February 1, 2020	March 15, 2020	April 15, 2020	May 15, 2020	June 1, 2020
September 30, 2019	April 28, 2020	March 1, 2020	April 15, 2020	May 15, 2020	June 15, 2020	July 1, 2020
October 31, 2019	May 29, 2020	April 1, 2020	May 15, 2020	June 15, 2020	July 15, 2020	August 1, 2020
December 31, 2019	July 29, 2020	June 1, 2020	July 15, 2020	August 15, 2020	September 15, 2020	October 1, 2020

Other Reports

Actuarial Valuation: Defined benefit plans must have an actuarial valuation prepared by a certified actuary, at least once every three years, which includes a recommended contribution rate needed for the system to achieve and maintain an amortization period that does not exceed 30 years. See Gov't Code §802.101.

Due upon adoption by the system

Actuarial Experience Study: Defined benefit plans with an asset value of at least \$100 million must conduct an actuarial experience study once every five years. See Gov't Code §802.1014.

Due within 30 days of adoption by the system

Audits by Governmental Entity: Defined benefit plans with an asset value of at least \$100 million must allow the governmental entity to conduct an audit by an independent actuary every five years of the actuarial valuations, studies, and reports of a public retirement system most recently prepared for the retirement system as required by Section §802.101 or other law under Title 8 of the Gov't Code or under Title 109, Revised Statutes. See Gov't Code §802.1012.

Due within 30 days of receipt by the governmental entity

Funding Soundness Restoration Plan (FSRP): If a defined benefit plan's amortization period exceeds 40 years over a few valuations, the public retirement system and its associated governmental entity shall formulate a Funding Soundness Restoration Plan. The FSRP must be completed within 6 months of the adoption of the valuation which triggered the requirement.² The system shall report any updates of progress made by the entities toward improved actuarial soundness to the PRB every two years. See Gov't Code §802.2015 and §802.2016.³

Due within 31 days of adoption/receipt by the system

Funding Policy: Defined benefit plans are required to adopt a written funding policy detailing the governing body's plan for achieving a funded ratio that is equal to or greater than 100% and provide the PRB with subsequently adopted changes within 31 days. See Gov't Code §802.2011 and PRB Informal Guidance.

FSRP

Investment Practices and Performance Report: Defined benefit plans are required to select an independent firm to evaluate their investment practices and performance and make recommendations for improvement. The evaluation must be completed once every 3 years if the retirement system holds assets totaling at least \$100 million or more; or once every 6 years if the retirement system holds assets totaling at least \$30 million but less than \$100 million. Retirement systems holding assets less than \$30 million are not required to perform the evaluation. See Gov't Code §802.109 and PRB Informal Guidance.

- Funding Policy (First policy due to the PRB by Feb. 1, 2020).
- Investment Practices and Performance Report (First report due to the PRB by June 1, 2020).

¹ The Employees Retirement System of Texas, Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, Texas County and District Retirement System, and the Texas Municipal Retirement System are exempt from this report.

² Representative Dennis Paul's clarification letter: https://www.prb.state.tx.us/txpen/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Rep-Paul-Letter-FSRP.pdf

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Investment Policy: Defined benefit plans are required to develop and adopt a written investment policy and maintain a copy of the policy for review at its main office. See Gov't Code §802.202(d).

Due within 90 days of adoption/amendment

Summary Plan Description: All public retirement systems are required to file and maintain a copy of the system's summary plan description. See Gov't Code §802.106 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form *PRB-200*.

Report any changes within 30 days

Registration: All public retirement systems are required to register with the PRB within **90 days** after the plan's creation date. See Gov't Code §802.105 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form PRB-100.

Minimum Educational Training (MET) Program Reporting Requirements

Required Reports

Trustee and System Administrator Information: Defined benefit plans must provide the PRB with basic information regarding their trustees and system administrator at the plan's creation; and report any changes thereafter. <u>See</u> 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form *PRB-150*.

Report any changes within 30 days

Minimum Education Training Program Form: Defined benefit plans must provide the PRB with a report of training completed by trustees and system administrator. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form *PRB-2000*.

Due September 1

Training completed between Aug. 1 of the previous year and July 31 of the current year.

Optional Forms for Certain Systems

Exemption for Certain System Administrators: Systems may apply for an exemption from the system administrator training requirement if the system has designated an outside entity (bank or financial institution) as the system administrator, or if the system does not have an administrator that meets the statutory definition and affirms that a trustee performs this role and will be subject to the training. In both cases, submit a certification letter for exemption of certain system administrators. See Gov't Code §801.001(3) and §802.001(4) and 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form Certification Letter for Exemption of Certain System Administrators.

Sponsor Accreditation: Systems may apply to become an accredited sponsor, using the sponsor approval application, to be able to offer credit for in-house training, often provided by staff or outside consultants. The in-house training must meet the same standards as training offered by all sponsors. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form Sponsor Accreditation Application.

Individual Course Approval: The individual course approval application may be used by a system trustee or administrator who wishes to attend an MET activity from an unaccredited sponsor. The application must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the activity. The application may also be used by a system that is not an accredited sponsor but seeks MET credit for in-house training provided to its trustees and/or administrator. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form Individual Course Approval Application.

Other Reporting Requirements

Internet Posting of Reports and Information

If a retirement system maintains its own website, the system shall prominently post on its website its system administrator's contact information and reports and registration information submitted to the PRB. If a system does not have its own website, it has the option to post the information on its sponsoring entity's website or on a state agency website, such as the PRB. The PRB will help systems without a website comply with these requirements through its agency website. See Gov't Code §802.107.

Exemptions

Plans exempt from reporting to the Pension Review Board: Volunteer firefighter retirement systems organized under the Texas Local Fire Fighter's Retirement Act (TLFFRA) and defined contribution plans are only subject to the registration, summary plan description, and internet posting requirements of the Government Code. These systems are exempt from all the other reporting requirements. See Gov't Code §802.002 (c) & (d).

Plans exempt from <u>registering and reporting</u> to the Pension Review Board: Plans offering only worker's compensation; plans administered by the federal government; Individual Retirement Account (IRA); plans claiming 401(d), 403(b), or 457(b) tax status under the Internal Revenue Code; and plans administered by life insurance companies. <u>See</u> Gov't Code §802.001.

To obtain the various PRB Reporting Forms referenced in this document; informal guidance, and memorandums outlining updated reporting requirements for retirement systems please <u>click here</u>.

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